

**CITY OF BUTLER
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 15, 2013**

The Butler City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 15, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 22 West Ohio with Mayor Malan presiding. The following Councilmen were present:

ROLL CALL

David Brown	Harold Weil
Brian Phillips	Terry Agnew
Thom Burg	Brian Boyd
Pat Simons	Doug Wix

OTHERS PRESENT

Others present were City Administrator Mark Arbuthnot, City Clerk Casey Koehn, City Attorney Tom Addleman, Public Works Director Trent Diehl, and Sgt Jerret Wheatley.

OTHER GUESTS

Steven McSperitt, Robin Thurman, Francie Scott, Joe Bearden, Chad Anderson, Linn Nitsche, and Andrew Diehl were also in attendance.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Phillips, seconded by Boyd to approve the minutes of the regular session of January 3, 2013. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands. Motion by Simons, seconded by Brown to approve the bills presented for payment. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands. Motion by Burg, seconded by Phillips to approve travel/training. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands. Motion by Simons, seconded by Wix to add Joe Bearden to the agenda. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

**SCHEDULED GUEST
STEVE MCSPERITT**

Steven McSperitt with the West Central Warriors football team asked permission from Council to continue to use the youth football field to play games on. After much discussion, motion was made by Phillips, seconded by Boyd to allow use of the field for the upcoming season. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

JOE BEARDEN

Joe Bearden asked for an exception to policy regarding the keeping of farm animals within the City limits. After much discussion, motion was made by Wix, seconded by Phillips to allow Bearden to keep his turkey and his hen inside city limits. Motion passed with a vote of 6-2 with Simons and Burg voting 'No.'

**COMMITTEES/BOARDS/
COMMISSIONS**

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Wix reported that the Finance Committee met prior to the Council meeting and discussed catalytic convertor installation at the Light Plant, a proposed new KAMO interconnection, and the new FY budget.

POLICE BOARD

Sgt Wheatley reported that the Police Board met and certified four personnel. Caleb Platt was hired.

AIRPORT COMMISSION

Arbuthnot reported that the Airport Commission met and discussed the new

FY budget and possible renovations to the restroom terminal.

**PUBLIC HEARING TO VACATE
MAPLE ST**

A Public Hearing was opened to discuss vacating N Maple St. Andrew Diehl and Robin Thurman spoke on opposing sides. Council asked both parties to bring back more information. Motion was made by Wix, seconded by Simons to table the matter until the February 5 Council meeting. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

REPORTS

**CITY CLERK
COUNCIL FILINGS**

Clerk Koehn announced the filings for the Apr 2, 2013 election:
Ward 1: Brian Phillips and Eugene Miller
Ward 2: Pat Simons and Gayle Stark
Ward 3: Harold Weil and Jim Ramsey
Ward 4: Doug Wix

POLICE CHIEF

Sgt Wheatley reported on the recent activity at the police station.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Administrator Arbuthnot reported that the City was notified by MoDOT that the application for grant funds to help pay for the construction of a sidewalk along the south side of Ft. Scott Street from Orange St. west to Fran Avenue was not approved for funding. He also informed Council that the City has been named in a law suit regarding AT&T wireless internet services and the franchise tax that was paid to the City. More information will be provided as it is received.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Code Enforcement Officer Wheatley gave his code report.

MAYOR

Mayor thanked those involved in the budget process.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS
BROWN**

Brown stated that having an audio/video system in the Council Chambers was important.

PHILLIPS

Phillips commended the police department for their hard work.

BURG

Burg thanked Mark for the hard work on the Solar Farm.

SIMONS

Simons had nothing to report.

WEIL

Weil nothing to report.

AGNEW

Agnew had nothing to report.

BOYD

Boyd thanked Mark, Casey and Trent for their hard work.

WIX

Wix called for a Finance Committee meeting on February 5, 2013 at 6:00pm. He also asked the City Clerk to start looking for a tablet for City Council to try out.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, motion was made by Burg, seconded by Brown to adjourn the regular meeting. Motion passed unanimously with a show of hands.

ATTEST:

Mayor Don H. Malan

City Clerk Casey Koehn